GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NATURAL GAS IN MAHANADI BASIN
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the estimated quantity of Natural Gas in the Mahanadi Basin and other places in Orissa;

(b): whether there is any proposal to tap the gas for commercial use in the country;

(c): if so, the details thereof; and

(d): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs(Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (d): No Reserves of crude oil or natural gas have so far been established in the Mahanadi basin in the State of Orissa, and it is premature to consider any commercial utilisation thereof.